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SUBJECT:US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: MEXICO 11385

1. DEPT. APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF EMBASSY TO RESOLVE
REMAINING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECT AGREEMENT.
AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SENT TO WHITE HOUSE FOR APPROVAL.

2. REGARDING AGREEMENT BY GOM NOTED REFTEL THAT
LICENSE RENEWALS COULD TAKE PLACE WHILE VESSELS AT
SEA, DEPT. IS INFORMED BY INDUSTRY REPS THAT THIS
WORD HAS NOT YET FILTERED DOWN TO MEXICAN FISHERIES
OFFICES IN CALIFORNIA RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING.
DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY POINTING THIS OUT
TO MEDINA NERI OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND
REQUESTING THAT WORD BE PASSED TO LOCAL OFFICES ASAP.

3. WITH RESPECT TO BOAT LIST, IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE
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TO DEPT. THAT MEDINA NERI STRONGLY AGAINST ANY ADDI-

TIONS AS NOTED BY EMBASSY REFTEL. BEFORE GIVING UP ON THIS POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH CASTANEDA, WHO MIGHT BE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR PROBLEM REGARDING THIS.

4. ALSO PENDING BEFORE AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED IS QUESTION OF GOM RESPONSE TO U.S. NOTE REGARDING EXPLORATORY FISHING. TEXT OF BOTH NOTES MUST BE AGREED UPON SO THAT EXCHANGE CAN TAKE PLACE AT TIME OF SIGNATURE. PLEASE REMIND CASTANEDA OF THIS.

5. LANGUAGE COMPARISON HAS BEEN DONE BY DEPT. WITH RESPECT TO SPANISH AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF DRAFT AGREEMENT. NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES, THOUGH PERHAPS FEW OF SUBSTANCE, EXIST BETWEEN TWO TEXTS. THESE MUST, OF COURSE, BE WORKED OUT PRIOR TO SIGNATURE. INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS WILL BE SENT SEPTEL. ROBINSON

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